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Questions and Answers

about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

**Q :** What is EPA doing at J. Neils Park?

**A :** EPA is cleaning up two softball infields that were found to have trace amounts of asbestos. The soil will be removed and backfilled with clean material. Areas with visible vermiculite near the restrooms will also be cleaned up. Work will start as early as May 5 and is expected to take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

More than 70 soil samples were analyzed. No asbestos was detected in 67 of these samples. A "non-detect" doesn't mean that those samples are completely free of *any* asbestos, only that analysts could not detect the fibers using state-of-the-art analysis. Asbestos was found at "trace" levels in the three samples where it was detected. "Trace" indicates that the level of asbestos was too low to quantify.

EPA will pay particular attention to dust suppression throughout the cleanup. Water will be sprayed during excavation activities and areas that have not yet been cleaned will be wetted down at the end of the workday. Air monitoring will be increased around the cleanup area to ensure that adjacent fields may be safely used.

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